

LAST EDITION. 17 BODIES.

Five More Found in the Hotel Royal Ruins To-Day.

Those of Eleven Women and Six Men Taken Out So Far.

A Suggestion that Murder Was Done During the Panic.

Van Norden Fears His Wife Was Slain for Her Diamonds.

The List of Those Missing and Unaccounted for Swelled to 73.

BODIES RECOVERED. 17 IDENTIFIED. 56 MISSING AND UNACCOUNTED FOR 73

Between midnight and the hour of going to press four more bodies were dug out of the ruins. These increased the list of bodies recovered to sixteen.

At 1.55 o'clock the seventeenth body was discovered wedged in among the debris under what had been the hotel office.

One of the workmen stated that it was the body of a woman, but a description cannot be given until it is taken out. It is believed that several other bodies lie near the same spot.

There are probably many more buried under the heaps of debris, which the workmen have not reached with their picks and shovels, and which will be recovered within the next twenty-four hours.

Three other bodies were positively identified at the Morgue this morning. They were those of Miss Sarah Blake, of Stamford, Conn.; Mrs. J. Cohen, of Toronto, Canada; and Lewis Levy, of London, Ontario.

THE WORK WAS FINISHED TO-DAY. Contractor Galligan, who has charge of the excavating of the ruins, says that he will positively complete his work to-day.

During the whole night the ghostly search for the dead went on without interruption, except when a new body was found, and then there was a cessation until the charred and blackened corpse was removed from the pit. Great progress was made. The scene was lighted up with electric and calcium lights, which made the work as easy as it would have been in broad day.

The electric and donkey-engine were of great assistance, and load after load of rubbish was hoisted out of the cellar and dumped upon the great piles of debris which now block the site of the ruined hotel.

THIS HEAP MAY BE GIVEN UP DEAD. At daybreak this morning a fresh force of twenty-five workmen came on duty and the work took a fresh turn.

At that hour the cellar underneath the office and dining-room of the hotel had been very nearly cleared of rubbish.

There was still a great mass remaining, however, in the further end of the excavation, over against the wall of the Fortieth street portion of the building, which is still standing.

It is behind this wall that the elevator shaft was located, and immediately over which the upper hallways converged. There, it is expected, the greatest number of bodies will be found.

DANGER FROM SHARP WALLS. Haunting overhead are dangerous-looking fragments of brickwork and partitions, which seem ready to fall and bury the laborers at any moment.

No attempt will be made to remove this rubbish until the cellarway in the corner portion of the building under the big dining-room has been perfectly cleared.

The four bodies found this morning were lying just west of the wall described and under the doorway which led from the dining-room into the hall where the elevator shaft ran. Three were women and the other was that of a man.

AT FOUR O'CLOCK CHARGED TO A CHIEF. They must have been in the upper part of the building when they met their death, for

their bodies were all burned and charred to a crisp and frightfully twisted and contorted. In all cases the extremities were burned off, and not a particle of clothing was found upon them except in one instance.

This was the body of a handsomely formed woman who had a plaid shawl wound about her neck, and underneath this was found a scapular which had evidently been worn about the neck with a string.

THOUGHT TO BE THAT OF KATH REILLY. It is surmised that this may be the body of



MAKING A RECORD OF THE VALUABLE. Kate Reilly, the chambermaid, who was the sweetheart of Engineer Herbert Harding. She was known to be of a religious turn and a devout Catholic.

These bodies were found lying in a group, and were discovered by one of the Italians who turned up a blackened arm with a stroke of his pick.

Deputy J. A. Lehmann, of the Coroner's office, who was on duty all night long at the ruins, was called over.

ARMS TWINED ABOUT EACH OTHER. The dirt and rubbish was carefully scooped away and the other bodies discovered. The three women had the stumps of their arms entwined about each other, and had probably died in the midst of the flames in this position. Piled on top of them were the remains of a bed and mattress.

This find was made just before 4 o'clock this morning and it took nearly two hours to get all four of the bodies out and put them into the boxes.

The intense heat to which they had been subjected had literally roasted them through and through, and it was extremely difficult to remove them from the rubbish without dismembering them.

The sight was sickening and disgusting, and even the Italian laborers seemed to recoil from it in horror.

COFFINS FILLED IN THE STREET. Out on Fortieth street was a pile of new boxes from the Morgue. Four of them were carried into the excavation and the bodies placed in them carefully.

The dead wagon made two trips to the Morgue and then returned to take up its stand in Fortieth street.

PILES OF DEBRIS HIDE THE WORKMEN. Twenty-five policemen, under the charge of Roundman Beck, of the Twenty-sixth Precinct, had no difficulty in keeping the crowd of spectators well out of bounds.

The mountains of rubbish which are heaped up in the roadway and on the pavements on all sides of the ruins shut the workmen out from view completely.

Only those who ride by in the Elevated railroad trains can get a passing glimpse of the death pit.

Chief Giquel and the captains from several engine companies remained at the scene last night to supervise the work of the searchers.

Mr. Donlin, of the Coroner's office, and Coroner Shea himself were also on hand during a greater part of the night.

FIRE-MARSHAL MITCHELL'S INVESTIGATION. Fire Marshal Mitchell has instituted a searching investigation into the origin of the fire which caused the disaster.

He has learned from several persons, including Michael Cahill, a porter, and Jean Neveu, the chef, that there was a pot of fat left boiling on the kitchen range on Saturday night, and he believes that this will account for the sudden outbreak of the flames.

The fire was too hot, and the grease boiled over and caught fire. A servant girl known only as Nellie, says that she went into the kitchen late Saturday night and found the gas blazing high and a hot fire in the range.

HARDING TELLS A DIFFERENT STORY. The Fire Marshal examined Engineer Harding to-day and obtained from him a story which differs materially from that of Porter Michael Cahill. The latter said that he saw the fire first in the kitchen, which seemed then to be a mass of flames.

Harding, on the other hand, says he saw no fire at all in the kitchen, but that it all seemed to be at the bottom of the elevator shaft. He is quite certain that it could not have started in the kitchen, though it might have spread through the open passageways very easily after it once started.

Proprietor Meares was also examined, but he could give no information as to the origin of the fire. He said that Cahill was a sober and conscientious man. He also had great confidence in Harding.

He had seen him only a short time after the disaster, but that time he could swear that he was perfectly sober and had not been drinking.

A man named Murray and a boy, who washed windows at the hotel, but whose name is not known, slept in the same room with Cahill in the basement of the hotel. It was the duty of Murray to go around and look after the fires every morning at 8 o'clock.

The Fire Marshal is looking for both of these persons, but has not yet found them. They may have perished in the conflagration. The inquiry will not be closed until all possible witnesses have been examined.

SUP. BRADY VERDICT THE HONOR. Supt. Brady, of the Bureau of Buildings, still insists that he has no reason to believe that the Hotel Royal was not well and properly supplied with fire-escapes in accordance with the law.

The owners of the building were twice ordered to provide escapes, and each time they complied with the order, though it was after considerable delay, and on one occasion the attorney of the Department had

to bring proceedings against the owner to compel him to put in the escapes.

Supt. Brady said this morning that he would prepare some time to-day an official statement in regard to the Hotel Royal disaster, embodying the records of his Department with respect to the means of escape with which the building was provided in case of fire.

THE FIRE-ESCAPES WERE WORTHLESS. The universal testimony, however, is that the escapes were absolutely useless when the fire broke out.

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The murderer's young widow was one of the earliest callers. She did not ask to see the face of the body, but was much affected by the scenes of the execution, says he will introduce a bill in the Assembly next Tuesday to abolish the infliction of the death penalty by electricity and restoring hanging as the penalty for murder in the first degree.

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FOREIGN NEWS OF THE DAY.

British Parliament Reassembles—Proposed Irish Bills.

American Wedded in London—German Miner's Long Sleep.

Parliament Reassembles—Points for the Queen's Speech.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Parliament reassembled to-day. The Queen's speech, opening the session, was read by royal command. Reference was made to the late royal affliction in the death of the Duke of Clarence.

It was announced that proposals would be laid before Parliament applying to Ireland the general principle of local government which have already been adopted in Great Britain.

The body will also be asked to consider a bill extending the advantages of assisted education to Ireland and for other purposes connected with elementary education in that country.

Up to the opening of Parliament the McCarthyites and Parnellites held meetings in separate rooms, but no definite action was taken.

John E. Redmond, from Waterford City, who defeated Michael Davitt, will be unanimously chosen the leader of the Parnellites in the House of Commons.

The British Press and an "American Bluster."

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The Times to-day publishes a letter from "George Winter, late Brigadier-General of Volunteers, New York," signed "John E. Redmond, New York," in which the paper writes under the headline "An American Bluster."

The letter menaces war between the United States and England in the event of England interfering in the dispute between Chili and the United States, and declares that the result of such a war would be the reduction of England to a fourth-rate power.

Commenting on this letter the St. James's Gazette says:

"With bawling wings and shrill screams the American eagle is in great form to-day. We might perhaps tremble had we proposed the things of which this valiant Brigadier accuses us. There is a trail of spreadeagles all over the American news to-day."

New York Groom and Boston Bride in a London Wedding.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Miss Charlotte Gunnison, of Boston, Mass., was married to-day to Benjamin Martin, of New York. The ceremony took place at 1.30 o'clock this afternoon at the parish church of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, of which the Rev. Edward Carr Glyn is vicar.

The bride was given away by Mr. Beauregard. Arthur Warren acted as best-man. Among the guests were: J. J. Moffat, Deputy American Consul General in London; Austin Dobson, Joseph Pennells, Mr. and Mrs. Whistler, Mr. and Mrs. Wynham and Mrs. Eugene Oudin, Lady Jeanne, Mrs. Smalley and Major J. C. Post, Military Attache of the American Legation.

A German Miner's Slumbers Broken After Four Months and a Half.

BERLIN, Feb. 9.—A miner named Latius, living at Magdeburg, in Prussia, who has just awakened from a sleep that had lasted for four months and a half. During this entire period his limbs were rigid, but now he appears to have completely recovered.

Upon awakening from his long sleep he conversed with his wife. He was not aware of the long time he had been asleep.

Thousands View the Body of Spurgeon, Lying in State.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—From 7 o'clock this morning the body of the Rev. Charles H. Spurgeon, which was brought to London yesterday from America, has been lying in state in the Metropolitan Tabernacle, Mr. Spurgeon's church.